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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: RHODESIA

1. FOURTH COMMITTEE ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/31/L.45,
"QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA", BY CONSENSUS, AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 14.

2. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/31/L.46,
"QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA (SANCTIONS)", 121-1 (US) -
6 (FRANCE, ISRAEL, MALAWI, FRG, UK, AND BELGIUM).

3. TEXT OF US EXPLANATION OF VOTE, AFTER VOTE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSENSUS
ADOPTING DRAFT RESOLUTION L.45, CONCERNING THE "QUESTION
OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA". BY GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE AS THE BEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY
RULE AND INDEPENDENCE IN RHODESIA. WE CALL ON ALL
PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS
TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

THE UNITED STATES HAS VOTED AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION L.46,
REGARDING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS -- NOT BECAUSE WE OPPOSE
SUCH SANCTIONS OR WANT TO SEE THEM VITIATED IN ANY WAY.
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TO THE CONTRARY, AND AS MEMBERS OF THIS ASSEMBLY KNOW

FULL WELL, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THOSE SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND HAS BEEN OPEN AND FRANK IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN UNABLE BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE SANCTIONS FULLY. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTARILY REPORTS FULLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON IMPORTS UNDER THE BYRD AMENDMENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, COMPLETELY ACCURATE STATISTICS ON ALL RHODESIAN EXPORTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT UNITED STATES IMPORTS ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT OF TOTAL RHODESIAN EXPORT EARNINGS. OBVIOUSLY, 95 PERCENT OF THE RHODESIAN EARNINGS ORIGINATE ELSEWHERE.

AND SO, THIS RESOLUTION CITES ONE COUNTRY WHICH IS HONEST AND IGNORES THE COUNTRIES WHICH WE ESTIMATE TO BE THE PROVIDERS OF 95 PERCENT OF RHODESIA'S EXPORT EARNINGS.

ACCORDINGLY, WE DEEPLY RESENT BEING SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM. IN A YEAR WHEN THE UNITED STATES HAS EXERTED EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, WE BELIEVE IT PETTY AND UNJUST FOR THIS ASSEMBLY TO CRITICIZE THE UNITED STATES ALONE FOR SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS. THE RESOLUTION APPLIES A DOUBLE STANDARD IN DEALING WITH RHODESIA BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, THERE ARE OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN TRADE WITH RHODESIA, SOME OF WHOM ARE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. SOME OF THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED IN VOTING FOR THIS RESOLUTION. MY GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THIS FORM OF HYPOCRISY. BECAUSE WE OPENLY AND FULLY REPORT WHAT IS PERMITTED BY OUR OWN DOMESTIC LEGISLATION, WE ALONE ARE CHASTISED WHILE OTHER NATIONS GO UNMENTIONED FOR THEIR SECRET AND MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE TRADE WITH RHODESIA.

CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE DURING OUR DEBATE CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OIL TO RHODESIA. I SUSPECT THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE RELATED TO THOSE OF THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL ACTION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, CERTAIN OF ITS OFFICERS, AND FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES, HAVE

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VIOLATED UN SANCTIONS. AS THE UNITED STATES HAS POINTED OUT IN THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL SERVED AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON MOBIL OIL ON JUNE 30, 1976, DIRECTING THE COMPANY TO FURNISH SPECIFIED RECORDS FOR EXAMINATION, AND REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM MOBIL SOUTH AFRICA AND MOBIL RHODESIA. THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL HAS PERIODICALLY

BROADENED THE SCOPE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO
REQUIRE MOBIL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL AS NEW
AVENUES OF INVESTIGATION WERE OPENED.
THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE
WITH THE FINAL RESULTS OF THAT INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS
THEY BECOME AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

OTHER ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING ASSURANCES
TO IAN SMITH OF "TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE", SHOULD THE GENEVA
TALKS FAIL. THERE IS NO BASIS WHATSOEVER, MR. CHAIRMAN,
FOR THESE ALLEGATIONS. UNQTE.

4. FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, BRIEF STATEMENTS
BY OFFICERS AND FINAL TRIBUTES, FOURTH COMMITTEE CONCLUDED
ITS WORK FOR 31ST UNGA.
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